



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Barry J. Marshall et al.

Atty. Docket No. GC-553

Application No. 09/977,555

Examiner: GITOMER, Ralph J.

Filed: October 15, 2001

Art Unit: 1651

Title: METHOD FOR DETECTION OF UREASE AND METHOD FOR USING SAME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of May 4, 2004, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 4, 2004. Enclosed herewith is a Petition for One-Month Extension of Time with fee, thereby extending the deadline for response to September 7, 2004. Please charge any deficiency in fees to Deposit Account No. 16-0478.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to claims begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.